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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** George Harry Hoffman, et al.

**Title:** SYSTEM, METHOD AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR USE OF BAR  
CODES IN A SUPPLY CHAIN  
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 7, and 13 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Amended) A method for tracking a shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising: